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N.J. Division of Elections Director de la Cruz Named to Toll Fellowship Program

TRENTON – New Jersey Division of Elections Director Ramón de la Cruz has been selected to participate in the Henry Toll Fellowship Program, a premier leadership development initiative for state government officials from around the United States.

"This is a great opportunity to get together, and to interact, with state leaders from throughout the nation on a variety of issues and challenges," said de la Cruz. "I expect to gain a great deal of valuable information and perspective – information and perspective that will help make the Division of Elections stronger."

Founded in 1986, the Toll Fellowship Program is named for Henry Toll, a former Colorado state senator and founder of the Council of State Governments 66 years ago. Toll espoused the notion that state governments are true laboratories for democracy and are, therefore, one of the nation's best source for insight, ideas and innovation.

This year, from June 26 to July 1, the Toll program will bring to Kentucky state government leaders from around the country for an intensive, five-day "intellectual boot camp" designed to prepare the next generation of leaders from the three branches of government. Features of the program include interactive training, as well as enrichment and education opportunities directed by a faculty of experts.

"It is a genuine honor to have been selected to participate in the Toll Fellowship Program," said de la Cruz. "The experience provides participants with information, and viewpoints, not readily available in the course of their everyday lives in public service. Ultimately, it can only help in my capacity as Director of the Division of Elections, where I am committed to working with Office of the Attorney General to make New Jersey a national model for modern, efficient, reliable and accessible election processes."